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For: IMAGE INFORMATION READING APPARATUS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN LIGHT  
AMOUNT TO BE DETECTED AT UNIFORM LEVEL

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith:

Japanese Published Application 10-3134, published January 6, 1998, together with an  
English-language abstract and machine translation; and

U.S. Patent 5,900,640, published May 4, 1999.

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JP 10-3134 is discussed on page 3 of the present application (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i)). Additionally, an English language abstract is provided, together with a machine translation obtained from the JPO website. Additionally, U.S. Patent 5,900,640, submitted herewith, claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to the Japanese application which was basis for JP 10-3134.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
		US 5,900,640		05-04-1999	Nobuhiko OGURA
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		JP	10-3134		01-06-1998	Nobuhiko OGURA	Abstract + JPO Machine Translation + USP 5900640

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